MR. M. L. JANARDANA PILLAI: Sir, I wish to say a few words. In accordance with the instructions issued to the employers by the Dewan-President that such cases should be expedited, I may say that those employers who have effected insurance under the Workmen's Compensation Act have made interim payments, and the final claim is ultimately settled by the Insurance Company. In the meanwhile, the workman and his dependants are considerably helped by such interim payments made to him, which are a set-off only against final payments. So, to this extent, the difficulty has been considerably mitigated.

The question that the Bill be read in the Assembly was put and carried.

TITLE OF THE BILL.

SECRETARY: The title of the Bill shall be "the Travancore Workmen's Compensation Act (Amendment) Bill.

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: I move that the Bill be taken into consideration, and I pray that Standing Order 32 be waived for the purpose.

The motion was put and carried. The standing Order was suspended.

CLAUSES 1 AND 2.

The question that clauses 1 and 2 stand part of the Bill was put and carried.

Clauses 1 and 2 were added to the Bill.

TITLE AND PREAMBLE.

The question that the title and preamble stand part of the Bill was put and carried.

The title and preamble were added to the Bill.

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: I move that in clause 1 (i) instead of the figures 111——the figures 1120 be substituted.

MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR: I second it.

The amendment was put and carried.

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: I move that the Bill be passed.

MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR: I second it.

The motion was put and carried.

The Bill was passed.

THE TRAVANCORE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL.

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, I rise to present the Travancore District Municipalities Act (Amendment) Bill to the House. I move that the Bill be read in the Assembly.

MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR: I second it.

The question that the Bill be read in the Assembly was put and carried.

SECRETARY: The title of the Bill shall be "the Travancore District Municipalities Act (Amendment) Bill".

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: This Bill is intended to remove an anomaly in the District Municipalities Act, and to bring it into conformity with the City Municipal Act for a specific purpose which is mentioned in the Statement of Objects and Reasons.

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I move that the Bill be taken into consideration and I pray that Standing Order 33 be waived for that purpose.

The motion was put and carried. The Standing Order was suspended.

CLAUSES 1 TO 3.

The question that Clauses 1 to 3 stand part of the Bill was put and carried.

Clauses 1 to 3 were added to the Bill,

TITLE AND PREAMBLE.

The question that the title and preamble stand part of the Bill was put and carried.

The title and preamble were added to the Bill.

I move that in clause 1 (i) instead of the figures "111" the figures "1120" be substituted.

MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR: I second it.

The amendment was put and carried.

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: I move that the Bill be passed.

MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR: I second it.

The motion was put and carried.

The Bill was passed.

THE TRAVANCORE PROVIDENT FUNDS ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL.

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, I rise to introduce the Travancore Provident Funds Act (Amendment) Bill. I move that the Bill be read in the Assembly.

MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR: I second it.

The question that the Bill be read in the Assembly was put and carried.

SECRETARY: The title of the Bill shall be "The Travancore Provident Funds Act (Amendment) Bill".

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: As stated in the Statement of Objects and Reasons, it will be seen that the Provident Fund which is intended to be a provision for the benefit of a person and his family when everything fails, is being resorted to for a different end. There are two exemptions in the Provident Funds Act. One is that money may be withdrawn from the Provident Fund for a temporary purpose and the other for paying premia to the insurance companies. It has been found that if money is drawn for the purpose of paying premia for insurance, a large number of difficulties arises. For one thing, the money drawn out of the Funds may not be sufficient for paying the premia. Supposing the premium is paid for one particular instalment and not paid for a subsequent instalment, the money drawn out of the Fund is also lost. And most of the Provident Funds, particularly, the Government Provident Fund Rules, do not provide for adequate control. If moneys are allowed to be drawn out of the Fund, for payment of premia, the Government will have to permit the person to

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